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he could not go, to recommend some one who could. I saw a letter a few days since from Dr. Whittelsey at Stonington. He was doing well, with just enough of opposition to keep him wide awake. Hickok is preaching the lie in the vicinity of his native place. Perkins is much beloved in Montreat. Dickinson is preaching somewhere in the interior in two parishes in good health. Nichols is doing quite well, as Perkins says.

Dillston is to be killed (as I suppose) at Berlin. (Washington). Minnie's folks all flourishing. Duran Mapugan & Co. on the ground. Barnes goes out in the Spring. About Rev. Albert Barnes and his friends, I hear nothing, except what the newspapers have told us. Dr. Daylee says he will go on, <sup>to the best</sup> if he can scrape together money enough. The Dr. has been writing a reply to the pieces on Pelagianism and Original sin, in the Biblical Repository, and will publish a part in the next Spectator which I will forward ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> warm from the press. He has put Original sin and Imputation where they will lie quietly.

The Dr. grows more muscle every day. He has written some new lectures lately. Studies harder than ever; and you can almost see the giant sinews and muscles of his intellect expanding and strengthening at every effort. It does his heart good to hear of one and another coming out on his side; and to hear the yelping of those who have set hot upon him waxing feeble and feeble. And especially it cheers him to hear of the blessing of God on the labors of his students. It did him good to go to Sherburne; and I feel better to hear of him a good deal. He says he, "if I can only see the shackles broken off from the Gospel, I can die content." And I feel that I am willing to be stoned and to have my reputation made a mass for the shoofly if this can be accomplished. I think of nothing more. Remember me to Bro. La & Baldwin when you see them. Write me immediately and I will answer you, about College &c. In affectionate brotherhood. Yours &c. J. G. R.



feeling 'in our school in respect to personal piety and increasingly so.  
We have indeed that which would awaken us, were we made of adamant.  
The state of feeling in the Academic department is more favorable I  
think than I have never known it. Dr Taylor preaches twice a  
Sunday <sup>and a Wednesday evening</sup> <sup>and a</sup> Mr Goodrich has a most interesting Bible Class Saturday  
evening, and together they hold an anxious meeting twice a week.  
Those of the Senior class have become hopefully pious. Dr D preached  
last Thursday evening, and the Theological chamber was crowded  
to overflowing. The next forenoon (yesterday) he had one and another  
almost all the forenoon to converse with him on the concerns of their  
souls. The church are more awake than ever. Dr Knien, I think,  
Dr D says he will preach as long as he can stand. Our School  
passed a vote yesterday to disperse with as many lectures as he  
saw fit, that he might devote his strength to the good cause in  
College. Brother Phelps, this is a good cause to carry to the  
throne of grace. Appearances are favorable in the city. From  
New York we hear glorious news, All the city seems to be moved.  
Mr Nettleton is laboring there. Br Theophilus Smith has  
gone to Norfolk as a candidate for settlement in Mr Emerson's parish. The ex-  
stanzas are there. Mitchell who is now settled at Fair Haven preached there as you  
know and had a call. When he received his call he was preaching at F.H. and  
they gave him a call. In the mean time Dr old opponent Andrews of Con-  
necticut, endeavored to exert an influence in Norfolk against Mitchell.  
because he was a New Havenite. He started some little dust. One of Mitchell's  
friends in Norfolk wrote to him stating the fact with the design, surely of  
giving him timely notice of it. Mitchell made that in part the turning  
point of his negation to their call. The thing reacted, and they despatched  
a letter to Dr Taylor enquiring about Mr Smith; and requesting, that if



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Dear Phelps

I might "follow suit" and commence my letter with an apology for so long delay; but as I find you know how to excuse such neglect, I will not trouble you with reasons. As to the Spectator, I have in part substantiated reasons for not sending it immediately, at your request. When I received your letter the Agent was absent from town and continued so for a time, until the matter had almost slipped my head. I have not engaged any one to see to the transmission of it hereafter as I thought I would attend to it while I continued here and then it would be soon enough to lay down my commission when I left. When I shall leave is uncertain; possibly this the ensuing spring, possibly not. I have preached but three times on the Sabbath out of town since the commencement of the College year: and I have as yet made little or no preparation in the way of sermons. My time has been almost wholly occupied of late in preparing a little work for Sabbath school libraries. It is to be composed of accounts of the idolatries and cruel superstitions of the heathen; the devotion labors &c of missionaries; and then success as exhibited in the notices of those who have become Christians under their labors &c, drawn from Missionary and other publications. My immediate object is to get some money, as I can get none by preaching in this vicinity. My ultimate design I hope is to do good. And I cannot but think that the mass of "Material" which I have on hand, will render the work interesting and instructive to those for whom it is intended. I am rejoiced to hear of the blessing of God upon your labors and those of brother Lee. I sometimes feel an ardent longing to be at my post, and doing the work of a messenger of Christ and minister of his gospel. I am wholly without plans as to the future field of labor. There is a favorable state of